Claims

1. Process for the preparation of substituted pyridine derivatives of formula (I)

5 wherein

 $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  independently the same or different are H;  $C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

 $R^3 = CN$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

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 $R^4 = E_n R^6_m$  in which

if n=m=1 than E=S and  $R^6=C_{1\text{-}20}\text{-}alkyl$  (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6\text{-}20}\text{-}aryl$  - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1\text{-}20}\text{-}alkoxy$ ,  $C_{6\text{-}20}\text{-}aryloxy$ , amino; F, Cl, Br, I;

if n = 0 and m = 1 than  $R^6$  = H,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F, Cl, Br, I;

 $E^{1} = 0. N$ 

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 $R^5 = H$ 

n= 1 for  $E^1 = 0$  und 2 for  $E^1 = N$ 

comprising reaction of a  $\alpha$ - $\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compound of formula (II)

$$R^3$$
-C(O)-C( $R^1$ )=C( $R^2$ )-G (II)

wherein

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> have the above defined meaning;

 $G = -NH_2$  or a leaving group

with a Wittig reagent or Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reagent of formula (III)

$$(P) \stackrel{\mathsf{E}_{n}\mathsf{R}^{6}_{m}}{\mathsf{C-Y}} \qquad \text{(IIIa1)}$$

$$O \quad \mathsf{E}_{n}\mathsf{R}^{6}_{m}$$

$$\mathsf{R'} \stackrel{\mathsf{D}}{-\mathsf{D}} \stackrel{\mathsf{D}}{-\mathsf{C-Y}} \qquad \text{(IIIa2)}$$

$$\mathsf{R'} \stackrel{\mathsf{D}}{-\mathsf{O}} \qquad \mathsf{R'} \stackrel{\mathsf{D}}{-\mathsf{O}} \qquad \mathsf{IIIa2}$$

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wherein

(P)= P(Ar)<sub>3</sub>, with Ar = substituted or preferably unsubstituted  $C_{6-20}$  aryl, R' = is equal or different independently means  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, branched or straight or cyclic, or  $C_{6-20}$  aryl;

 $E_nR_m^6 = in which$ 

if n = m = 1 than E = S and R<sup>6</sup> = C<sub>1-20</sub>-alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);

C<sub>6-20</sub>-aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C<sub>1-20</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>6-20</sub>-aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I; if n = 0 and m = 1 than R<sup>6</sup> = H, C<sub>1-20</sub>-alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic); C<sub>6-20</sub>-aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C<sub>1-20</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>6-20</sub>-aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

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Y = - CN; -C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>; -C(O)OR<sup>7</sup> with R<sup>7</sup> = as defined for R<sup>1</sup> above, except H

in the presence of a base and if

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- i) Y = -CN or C(O)NH<sub>2</sub>, G = a leaving group and the base is an alcoholate, subsequent acidic catalyzed, with zeolithes catalyzed or basic catalyzed cyclization:
- ii)  $Y = -C(O)-OR^7$ , G = a leaving group and the base is an alcoholate, subsequent basic cyclization in the presence of ammonia.

- 2. Process according to claim 1, wherein  $R^1 = R^2 = H$  and  $R^3 =$  electron withdrawing group.
- 5 3. Process according to claims 1 to 2, wherein  $R^1 = R^2 = H$  and  $R^3$  is a partially or fully fluorinated  $C_{1-6}$ -alkylgroup.
  - 4. Process according to claims 1 to 3, wherein  $R^3 = -CF_3$ .
- 10 5. Phosporus compounds of formula Illa2

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
O & E_n R^6_m \\
II & I_- \\
P - C - Y
\end{array}$$
(IIIa2)

in which

R' = is equal or different independently means  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, branched or straight or cyclic, or  $C_{6-20}$  aryl

 $E_n R_m^6 = in which$ 

- 20 if n = m = 1 than E = S and  $R^6 = C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;
- $Y = -CN; -C(O)NH_{2}; -C(O)OR^7$  with  $R^7 = C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);

 $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br, I.

6. Compounds of the formula IV-1 to IV-4

$$E_nR_m$$
 $Y$ 
 $G$ 
 $IV-1$ 
 $IV-2$ 
 $E_nR_m$ 
 $OR'$ 
 $R^3$ 
 $G$ 
 $IV-3$ 
 $IV-4$ 

in which the variables have the following meanings:

 $E_nR_m^6 = in which$ 

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if n = m = 1 than E = S and  $R^6 = C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I; if n = 0 and m = 1 than  $R^6 = H$ ,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

- 15  $Y = -CN; -C(O)NH_{2;} -C(O)OR^7 \text{ with } R^7 = C_{1-20} \text{alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic)};$   $C_{6-20} \text{aryl which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-20} \text{alkoxy, C}_{6-20} \text{aryloxy, amino; F, Cl, Br, I.}$
- 20 R' is equal or different independently means C<sub>1-20</sub> alkyl, branched or straight or cyclic

 $R^3 = CN$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkyl (branched or straight chain or cyclic);  $C_{6-20}$ -aryl - which each of those may be substituted with one or more of the following groups: F, Cl, Br, I,  $C_{1-20}$ -alkoxy,  $C_{6-20}$ -aryloxy, amino; F; Cl; Br; I;

 $G = -NH_2$  or a leaving group.

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7. Compounds as claimed in claims 5 or 6 as intermediates in the synthesis of pyridine derivatives.